

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 21, 2008, which had been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-13 remain in this application, where claims 5-6, 9 and 12 had been withdrawn and claims 1 and 3 are independent. By means of the present amendment claims 4, 7 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for allegedly introducing new matter in newly added FIG 6. Without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Office Action and in the interest of advancing prosecution, newly added FIG 6 has been deleted and claims 7 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. The deletion of newly added FIG 6 and cancellation of claims 7 and 14 renders moot the objected to the drawings.

In the Office Action, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Office Action and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claim 4 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 4 renders moot this rejection 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 7, 10 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,314,146 (Cooksey). Further, claims 2, 8, 10-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Cooksey. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3, 5-6 and 8-13 are patentable over Cooksey for at least the following reasons.

Cooksey is directed to a motor driven shaver having individual shaving heads mounted on the user's fingers. A flexible shaft 27 connects the heads to a motor 10 which is strapped to the user's hand. That is, the Cooksey shaving heads and motor 10 are not in a single housing.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 3, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis

provided):

a plurality of shaving heads included in the housing, each comprising a circular shear plate provided with hair-entry apertures; a rotatable cutting member associated with and rotatable relative to the shear plate,

a sheer-plate holder mounted on the housing, the sheer-plate holder holding the plurality of shear plates;

a motor included in the housing.

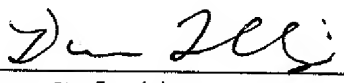
A housing that includes shaving heads, a sheer-plate holder and a motor is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Cooksey. Thus even, assuming arguendo, that Cooksey discloses or suggests that "the axes of rotation of said drive rims are oriented at angles relative to each other and diverge from each other," as recited in independent claims 1 and 3, there is still no disclosure or suggestion in Cooksey that such an arrangement is included in a single housing.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 3 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 4, 7-8, 10-11 and 13-14 respectively depend from independent claims 1 and 3 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason, as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded. And in particular, no Official Notices are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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